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Dear Interested Citizens and Officials:

The Expanded Site Investigation Final Report is now available for public review at the Cahokia Public Library, the Cahokia Village Hall and the Sauget Village Hall. The 1,000 page report specifically identifies the hazardous waste sites and contaminants of the Sauget-Cahokia area in an effort to gain future Superfund status and dollars. In addition, an informational fact sheet for citizens is now being prepared and will be released in about 2-3 weeks. The fact sheet will explain (in non-technical language) the background of the project, how the study was done, what was found and the future of the project.

The report began in late 1985 as a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, a required step in the state "Clean Illinois" program for hazardous waste sites. It was determined in 1986 that the state fund could not possibly cover a "cleanup" of the area, so the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) redirected its contractor toward proving the area's eligibility for the federal Superfund program. The newly released report is the product of that new effort.

Although the report is highly technical, certain sections are easier to understand than others. (Turn to the bright gold pages stapled into the back of Volume 1 for definitions of some of the technical terms used.) For an overview of the report and its findings, citizens should turn first to Volume 1, pages 1 through 5, followed by pages 7-1 through 7-6, then pages 7-40 through 7-55. For a more detailed description of the chemical contaminants found at each site and in each medium (surface soil, below-surface soil, air, creek water and groundwater) review pages 7-20 through 7-40. Citizens who are interested in more technical details of sites background, investigation procedures, physical/chemical results, groundwater modeling and contaminant migration/impact should turn to the Table of Contents in Volume 1. Volume 2 contains appendices mentioned in Volume 1.

Everyone who received this notice will also receive a copy of the citizens' informational fact sheet. To add other people to the existing mailing list, please send the (clearly) printed names and address to:

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